

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006. In view of the following discussion, the Applicant believes that all claims are in allowable form.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 10-13 and 15 stand rejected as being obvious over United States Patent No. 5,375,664 issued December 27, 1994 to *McDowell, et al.* (hereinafter referred to as "*McDowell*") in view of United States Patent No. 6,047,771 issued April 11, 2000 to *Roynestad* (hereinafter referred to as "*Roynestad*"). Claim 14 stands rejected as being unpatentable over *McDowell* and *Roynestad* in view of the United States Patent No. 4,333,541 issued June 8, 1982 to *Doty* (hereinafter referred to as "*Doty*").

In response, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to recite the limitations of claim 29, which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Claim 29 has been cancelled. Thus, the Applicant submits all claims are in allowable form. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments regarding the allowability of claim 29 if re-written in independent form. As indicated above, claim 10 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 29. Thus, the Applicant submits all claims are in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant submits that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issuance are earnestly solicited.

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If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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